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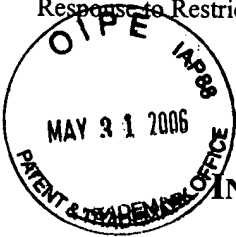
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Confirmation No.: 8425

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Title: LOW PERMITIVITY LUBRICANT FOR MAGNETIC DISK DRIVE SYSTEMS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed April 18, 2006, in which the Examiner required restriction between three groups of claims:

- (I) Claims 1-17, said to be drawn to a "disk drive system" with a "charge-control additive";
- (II) Claims 18-24, said to be drawn to a "disk drive system" with a "replacement lubricant";
- (III) Claims 25-31, said to be drawn to a "disk drive system" with a "lubricant" having a "DC relative electrical permittivity no greater than about 25,000."

In response, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-17, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Examiner requests (Office Action at 4) an "identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention." The inventions were defined by the Examiner in terms of claims as indicated above, and so by definition the claims encompassing the elected invention are 1-17.

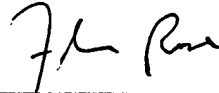
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 251-7700.

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